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To the Members of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners  
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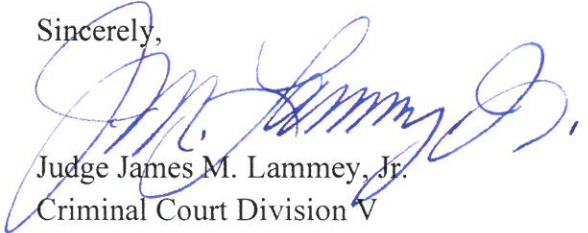
Thank you for inviting me to appear before your next scheduled meeting May 13, 2019. I must respectfully decline your invitation to said meeting due to my heavy trial docket scheduled that day. I have 45 cases seven of which are set for trial as of this writing. These separate trials include three Murder First Degree cases, three Aggravated Robbery cases and one Rape of a Child case. This is a fairly typical Monday schedule in just one of ten similar criminal courts who are all working hard for the citizens of Shelby County.

Additionally, as is widely reported, I am required to respond to a pending Board of Judicial Conduct complaint that would also make it impossible for me to appear, until such complaint is resolved. Besides it seems you've already reached a conclusion without my side of the story.

I adamantly deny the characterization of me by the local media and certain interest groups as being a Holocaust Denier, anti-immigrant, and racist. Please find attached a note sent to me from the author of the article I shared that everyone, who obviously did not read it, seems to be so offended by. I merely said it was "Interesting". It sets the record straight against those who so maliciously mischaracterize me as an anti-Semite hater of all immigrants. The writer is Jewish and not a Holocaust denier. The local newspaper's initial dramatic heading, tying me to a Holocaust denier, and accompanying article was all based on a falsehood. This is character assassination at its best. It is perhaps libelous as well since the falsehood has maliciously continued to flourish, even here. Incidentally, I believe all immigrants should come here legally. That's my constitutional right under the first amendment.

I have taken an oath to administer justice without respect of persons. I have lived up to that oath for 29 years and I will continue to do so. I have a sworn duty to apply the law fairly and justly. I have a solemn duty to the decent law abiding citizens of Shelby County Tennessee to follow the law and not ignore it. I intend to do just that.

Sincerely,



Judge James M. Lammey, Jr.  
Criminal Court Division V

## Lammey, Jim

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**From:** David Cole <countercontempt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2019 11:28 PM  
**To:** Lammey, Jim  
**Subject:** From David Cole (the guy whose column got you in trouble)

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Dear Judge Lammey,

Now that the story has gone national, I've become aware of the controversy regarding the fact that you posted one of my columns. The column in question had been sent viral by my good friend Ann Coulter, who tweeted it four times in one day (she's one of my most supportive fans!). That may be why you saw it.

I know you have a lot on your plate, so I'll be succinct. I'm sorry my column landed you in hot water. I've been a weekly columnist at Taki's Magazine for four-and-a-half years, and I take my job seriously. I try to make each week's column special and interesting.

1) I am NOT a Holocaust denier. The journalists who are slamming you for having posted a "denier's" essay link to a 2013 article about me in The Guardian as "proof" that I deny the Holocaust. The Guardian piece specifically does NOT call me a denier. Not anywhere in the piece. It's one thing to call me a denier – that's a matter of opinion (even though it's inaccurate). But to state that the Guardian is the *source* for that claim is false and misleading. I believe that 3 to 3.5 million Jews, not six, were killed in the Holocaust, that there were four death camps, not six, and that the death camp murders ended in 1943 instead of 1944. That's CONTROVERSIAL, sure. But not denial. And the Guardian recognized that it is not denial. Indeed, following that article, I was brought back to the paper multiple times as a respected expert on Hollywood and conservatism.

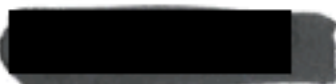
2) I'm Jewish. No one seems to be mentioning that. Yet it's a readily available fact from all sources about me.

3) The term I employed in the piece you posted, "foreign mud," referred to the clay used to construct Golems, not "all immigrants," as the press is claiming. The "mud" line has been presented shorn of context, with no link to the original essay for people to independently verify.

4) The immigrants I DO criticize I criticize because they despise Jews. That was the point of my piece.

Again, sir, I apologize for the fact that my column is causing you grief. But you did nothing wrong. I am NOT a denier, I am Jewish, and the piece is actually an argument AGAINST Jew-hatred. That's why no one has linked to it in the hit pieces against you.

All my best,  
David Cole



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